

# CHRISTOLOGY



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## THIS READING PLAN IS FOR YOU

Every word of the Bible is written by Christ, for Christ, and about Christ (Luke 24:25-27; John 1:1; 1 Peter 1:11). However, there are certain passages in Scripture that are exceptionally rich in revealing the person and work of our Blessed Savior. This week, we are diving into some of these beautiful Christological passages. As you read each passage, ask yourself and those around you, “Who is this man?” Who is this man in whom “the fullness of God is pleased to dwell” (Colossians 1:19)? The point is not to master all the theology; the point is to encounter Christ in a way that leads you to worship. So marvel at Him. Ponder Him. Stir those around you to cherish Him. And behold your God.

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## THE FORMAT OF THE READING PLAN WILL BE AS FOLLOWS—

### READ—

When we read the Bible, we are not just reading man’s thoughts about God. Neither are we merely reading what God said (a few thousand years ago). Rather what we are reading is what God says in the present tense (Hebrews 3:7). For the Word of God is living and active, and when we read it God Himself is speaking to us (Hebrews 4:12). Therefore, read each passage slowly, carefully, and attentively to every word acting as if the most important being in the universe is speaking to you, because He is.

### REFLECT—

Simply reading the Word is like briskly walking by a warm fire on a cold night. But meditation is like sitting by the warm fire so that it lights up your face and warms your bones. (Don Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*). Therefore, pick a verse from each section to meditate on. What does it mean? What does it say about God? What does it say about you? You can pick any verse. But we will suggest a verse each time in case you have trouble picking one.

### RESPOND—

We do not want to just be passive readers of the Word and allow what God says to go “in one ear and out the other.” Rather we want to be like the blessed man from psalm one who delights in God’s word and meditates/chews on/murmurs to himself/thinks over what God has said day and night (Psalm 1:3). These discussion questions are designed to help us think over what the Lord has said, and as we think and discuss the Lord will give us understanding (2 Timothy 2:7).

### PRAY—

Pray to your Father that the Holy Spirit would empower the Word of Christ to become true in your hearts, your lives, this church, and this world as it is in heaven. Pray the Word back to God. For he always answers us when we pray according to his will (1 John 5:14). And the best way to pray according to his will is to pray His Word!

# DAY 01

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**STUDY THROUGH  
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**READ—**

Revelation 5:1-14

**REFLECT—**

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.” — Revelation 5:12

**RESPOND—**

Why is Jesus worthy of worship? Ascribe to the Lord some of the many reasons why Jesus is worthy to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.

**PRAY—**

Dear Father, thank you for Jesus! Thank you that He is both the Lion and the Lamb. Thank you for slaying Him so that we can be forgiven through His blood. And thank you for raising Him on the third day, so that He could defeat Satan, sin, and death. Jesus is worthy to reign over an everlasting Kingdom with all of creation ascribing to Him power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing forever and ever. Help us to behold Christ our King for your glory forevermore. Amen!

# DAY 02

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**STUDY THROUGH  
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**READ—**

Colossians 1:11-23

**REFLECT—**

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”  
— Colossians 1:19

**RESPOND—**

What does this passage teach you about Jesus? And what does Jesus reveal to you about God?

**PRAY—**

Father, thank you for delivering us from the domain of darkness. Thank you for shining the light of the glory of the gospel into our hearts and opening our eyes to see the full and perfect revelation of Yourself in the face of Jesus Christ. It brings us great joy and peace to know that Jesus is the creator, sustainer, and ruler of the universe. Thank you for Him, and thank you for His cross, that we might have peace with You. Help us to remain steadfast in the faith until He returns. Amen.

# DAY 03

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## STUDY THROUGH CHRISTOLOGY

### READ—

Psalm 110:1-7 & Hebrews 1:1-4

(Context to consider: The entire letter to the Hebrews could be considered a meditation on Psalm 110. What was prophesied has now been fulfilled: David has a Son to sit on his throne forever, and there is a great High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. And Jesus is supreme because both of these offices have been merged and fulfilled in Him; for He is the High King of Heaven and the perfect mediator between God and Man. And all of this was accomplished on the cross.)

### REFLECT—

“After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high” — Hebrews 1:3

### RESPOND—

What is a priest? What is a king? What attributes of a priest and king does Jesus possess and perform? How does that impact our relationship with God?

### PRAY—

Father, thank you for Jesus. Help us to behold the majesty of our Priestly King. Help us to marvel at the fact that He is not only the creator, sustainer, and ruler of the universe, but He is also the clearest revelation of You, and the perfect mediator for sinful man. Thank you for sending Him to make purification for our sins, so that through faith in Him we can reign with Him as a royal priesthood. Hasten the Day, oh Lord. Send Him quickly. Amen.

# DAY 04

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## STUDY THROUGH CHRISTOLOGY

### READ—

Jeremiah 33:17-22 & Hebrews 7:23-8:2 & Revelation 11:15

### REFLECT—

“But he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.” — Hebrews 7:24-25

### RESPOND—

What makes Jesus superior to other priests and kings? Why is it significant that Jesus perfectly occupies both the office of Great High Priest and the office of King of kings simultaneously for all of eternity? (For Kids: What is something in your life that you wish would last forever? Why is it good news that Jesus lasts forever?)

### PRAY—

Dear Father, oh the depth of the riches of your wisdom and knowledge! How unsearchable are your judgments and how inscrutable your ways. Father, thank you for Jesus, the perfect fulfillment of every covenant that you have ever made with man. Even though we are faithless, He is oh so faithful. Thank you for allowing us to draw near to you through the constant intercession of Jesus. Thank you for sustaining us through Him; for we know that all things hold together through Him, including our salvation. So thank you for saving us through Him, thank you for keeping us saved through Him, and thank you for promising to never leave us or forsake us, so that we can dwell in your eternal kingdom forever and ever. What a beautiful thing it is to be saved by the One who rules us, and ruled by the One who saves us. Help us to marvel anew at what you can do. Amen.

# DAY 05

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## STUDY THROUGH CHRISTOLOGY

### READ—

Daniel 7:9-14 & Revelation 1:1-18

### REFLECT—

“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.” — Revelation 1:3

### RESPOND—

What do these passages teach you about the Son of Man? Who is He? And why do you think Jesus used that title for himself more than any other messianic title? (Extra credit for adults: What do these passages reveal to you about the Trinity? Extra credit for kids: Try to draw the throne room as described in Daniel 7.)

### PRAY—

Father, thank you for the revelation of the Son of Man. Help us to marvel more and more each day at the beauty of our Savior. Thank you for giving Him dominion and glory and a kingdom to reign over forever and ever. Thank you for your Word, which tells us how to be a part of this glorious kingdom. Help us to heed the warnings and commands that you give to us through your Word. And help us to behold that this Son of Man died, yet is alive forevermore. Amen.

# DAY 06

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**STUDY THROUGH  
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**READ—**

Isaiah 9:6-7 & 11:1-10

**REFLECT—**

“And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.” — Isaiah 11:2

**RESPOND—**

These passages are about a King and His Kingdom. What is the King like? And what will it be like for those who live in His Kingdom?

**PRAY—**

Father, thank you for revealing to us that the Kingdom of God has come. Help us to repent and believe the gospel. And thank you for Jesus; for He is such a worthy King. Help us to pray for the coming of your Kingdom. Help us to forsake the idols of our own earthly kingdoms. Help us to set our minds on the spiritual blessings granted to us through Christ. Fuel our imaginations to dream about what heaven will be like. Help us to ground our imaginations in Your revealed written Word. And turn them into fuel for our holiness. Amen.

# DAY 07

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## STUDY THROUGH CHRISTOLOGY

### READ—

John 1:1-18 & Revelation 19:11-16

### REFLECT—

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.” — John 1:12-13

### RESPOND—

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And the Word is coming again. Why did Jesus come to Earth the first time? What is He going to do when He comes to earth a second time?

### PRAY—

Father, thank you for the Word. Thank you for revealing yourself to us through Him. Thank you for sending Him to dwell among us. Thank you for helping us to believe in Him, for we know we can't even believe the gospel apart from you. Thank you for your grace upon grace. Help us live every day with the second coming of Christ at the forefront of our minds. Help us to forsake our dirty rags and clothe ourselves with His righteous robes, which He made white as snow through the shedding of His blood. And help us warn our friends and family of the judgment that is coming. Amen.